

worthy causes. His leadership skills have been invaluable throughout his post-military career.

LTG Taylor served as one of five congressionally appointed members on the Overseas Basing Commission, is founder and the current chairman of The Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, and founded and served as chairman of the Military Child Education Coalition. From 2006 to 2010, LTG Taylor assisted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the development and implementation of their influenza pandemic response plan as well as the ongoing testing and refinement of that plan through training drills and exercises, which paid great dividends in the successful response to H1N1 in 2009.

I commend LTG Taylor's selfless service to his community and nation. His dedication to our country and community reflects the best values of central Texas. I join his family and friends in saluting his great work and dedication to our country.

HONORING MRS. VIVIAN DOTSON JONES ON HER ATTAINMENT OF "DIAMOND SOROR" STATUS FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Vivian Dotson Jones on her attainment of "Diamond Soror" status for 75 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She has dedicated years of service to the Alpha Iota chapter at Lincoln University and the entire Jefferson City community.

In 1941, Vivian was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Alpha Zeta Chapter at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. Vivian has been an active member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter and throughout the years has held the office of Sergeant at Arms, Corresponding Secretary, Hospitality Chair, Meditation Chair, and chapter representative to local organizations. Numerous young ladies have been positively impacted by Vivian's outstanding service to the undergraduate chapter, Alpha Iota at Lincoln University. Vivian has served as undergraduate advisor to the Alpha Iota Chapter for more than 20 years.

On June 30, 1921, Vivian was born in Cleveland, Ohio. During her childhood, her father was a Baptist preacher and with that moved his family to different places including Indiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Vivian graduated from Langston University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. While attending college in Oklahoma, Vivian met and married her husband, Lucius. They had two children, Vivian E. and Lucius D. Vivian, Lucius, and their children enjoyed going to the movies, taking family vacations, and spending time together as a family.

In 1948, Vivian and Lucius moved to Jefferson City and Lucius started his career at Lincoln University. Eventually, Lucius became the print shop director and in 2010 the print shop was named the Lucius Jones Print Shop. Vivian worked for DeVerne L. Calloway, who was the first black female state legislator in the

state of Missouri for six years. In 1969, Vivian started her career as secretary for Lincoln University's president, Dr. Walter Daniel. Vivian went on to work for three more presidents, two interim presidents, a chief executive officer, and an acting president. After 20 years of committed work, Vivian retired in 1989.

Vivian has also been committed to her community by serving on the local and state chapters of the Parent Teacher Association, has held office on the Missouri Parent Teacher Board of Managers, and mentored students at Jefferson City High School. Vivian has enjoyed her membership at Second Baptist Church and served as the church clerk for 25 years.

During Vivian's years of service with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she has inspired countless young ladies to become more effective members of the sorority. Her legacy will continue to live on through the lives she has impacted through mentoring and teaching.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Vivian Dotson Jones on this momentous occasion of attaining "Diamond Soror" status for 75 years of service to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING THE MILITARY COMMUNITY AT FORT DRUM WITH COLLEGE PROGRAMMING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and to recognize Jefferson Community College as it celebrates a 30 year partnership with Fort Drum, during which, it has provided the Fort Drum community with access to important college programming. Located in Watertown, New York, the college first began offering courses to members of the Fort Drum community and their families in 1986, developing a strong partnership that has continued to grow over the years.

It is imperative that we not only support our military members, but that we support their families as well, and one way we can do this is by providing the resources and community backing they need and rightly deserve. This partnership between Jefferson Community College and Fort Drum shows the dedication our region has to the Fort Drum community, as well as our commitment to growth through educational opportunities. This partnership has a proven record of success in enabling our military personnel and their families to achieve their long and short term goals, and serves as an important example for similar communities across the country.

Congratulations to Jefferson Community College for continuing your commitment to education and to our military members and their families. I want to wish the staff, faculty, and students of Jefferson Community College continued success in the future.

IRAN SANCTIONS EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of extending the option of sanctions against Iran by passage of H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act, which reauthorizes the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 for 10 years.

As a Senior Member of the Homeland Security Committee, and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I am very much aware of what is at stake in the work done by President Obama to ensure that Iran does not have the breakout capacity to build a nuclear weapon.

Events over this Congress make it clear that Congress should be even more vigilant in providing for the protection of the United States.

Congress should be mindful of the:

United States' leadership in the effort to forge an enforceable and verifiable nuclear agreement with Iran; and

Deadliness of chemical weapons when they were used during the Syrian conflict against unarmed men, women, and children.

H.R. 6297, allows Congress the option to impose sanctions, but does renew the imposition of sanctions.

As Congress continues to review the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which resulted in the significant reduction in Iran's capabilities to develop a nuclear weapon, we must continue the peaceful and verifiable efforts to cut off Iran's pathways to a nuclear weapon.

President Obama and current and former Secretary of State John Kerry and Hillary Clinton were successful in the pursuit of global sanctions and gained the cooperation of the world, including Russia and China, which was critical in bringing the Iranians to the negotiation table on their nuclear arms program.

We should retain in our arsenal the option to impose sanctions so that if necessary the United States can act quickly to coordinate a global response to any threat posed by Iran's verified breach of the JCPOA.

Declaring sanctions for the sake of declaring sanctions against Iran should never be the objective, nor should we forget that the effectiveness of sanctions are their global nature.

Under President Obama's brilliant leadership the United States had the stature around the globe to impose sanctions, and the diplomatic ties to gain global cooperation to expand participation in Iranian sanctions because we could make the case that Iran's nuclear program posed an international threat to peace and stability.

The United States is the world's foremost authority on radiological weapons grade material detection and source identification.

The Department of Homeland Security is leading the effort through its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) to create a Global Nuclear Detection Architecture, which should be aggressively supported with sufficient funding by Congress.

Recognizing the threat posed by nuclear and other radioactive materials, DNDO was created by National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD)-43 and Homeland Security